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Dear Mr. Kamien,

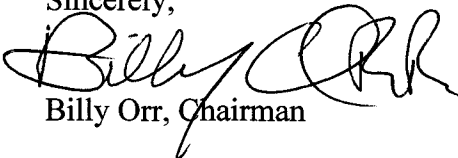
In October of 2003 the Flood Control District entered into an agreement with the Corps of Engineers to develop a Feasibility Study/Environmental Impact Statement (FS/EIS) to include the LeFleur Lakes Flood Control Project. The LeFleur Lakes Flood Control Project was the plan as proposed at the time by John McGowan and further described in a report by Richard Weatherly in December of 2004. The draft FS/EIS was delivered to the Flood District in February of 2007.

During the July 2009 meeting of the Flood Control District, discussion ensued related to the level of assessment given to the original 2003 Two Lakes plan. While the draft 2007 report adequately describes the LeFleur Lakes Plan therein, there is no link made between the project as originally proposed and the project as described in the report. In order to clarify this issue for us, we would respectfully ask that the Corps quantify the level of assessment given to the project as originally proposed and further described in 2004. In other words, what assessments or findings were made that lead to the modification of the original plan? Specifically three items need further clarification, 1) Environmental Impact of the project, 2) Level of flood damage reduction provided and, 3) cost.

At the July meeting of the Flood District, the board discussed your request as to our intent to move forward with the Corps to complete the FS/EIS. No decision was reached at the meeting, but it will be on our agenda for consideration at the August meeting.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,


Billy Orr, Chairman